

Admonition, v.10

- I. The wicked are admonished to put off their folly and be wise, to listen to him and give heed.
 - A. Their rage is against God and their plots are against an eternal decree. It's impossible for them to succeed.
 - B. The Lord has appointed His Son as King and promised Him the nations unto the ends of the earth as His possession, and there's simply nothing they can do to stop it.
- II. This teaches us two valuable lessons:
 - A. The counsel of this world is foolish because it has set itself against God, His Christ, and His Church, 1Cor 1.20; 3.19
 - 1. God alone is wise, Prov 2.6-7, and as long as the world opposes Him, their imaginations are the epitome of foolishness.
 - B. True wisdom is to suffer ourselves to be instructed unto salvation by the gospel of God, Prov 3.5, 7; 6.21; 7.3; 1Cor 1.30; Prov 8.32
 - 1. Therefore let us be wise! Close your ears to the world and open your hearts to God's Son and His gospel.

Exhortation, vv.11-12

- I. The wicked are exhorted to serve the Lord and kiss His Anointed.
 - A. All men are conceived in sin (Ps 51.5) and depraved by nature (Ps 58.3). No man can bow before God and kiss His Son without the divine intervention of the Holy Spirit (Ps 51.10-12).
 - B. Why, then, are they exhorted to do so? Because God works by means and will draw His elect from the ends of the earth by the exhortations of the gospel, Jn 1.13; Rom 9.16.
- II. This is the essence of what it means to come to God for salvation.
 - A. It means to serve and worship God consciously, reverently, and fearfully. It means to quit the fight and serve the Lord with fear and rejoice before Him with trembling.
 - 1. We serve Him with reverence because of His greatness and our sinfulness; but we serve Him with joy because of His compassion and our assurance.

- 2. *These two must always go together in the service and worship of God.
 - B. But it also means that we must kiss the Son. We must submit to Christ as Lord, accept Him as our Prophet, Priest, and King, and yield our will to His. We must worship Him, love Him, and take refuge in His work.
- III. Let us adore the heart of Christ that by the preaching of the gospel He would invite sinners like you and me to kiss Him.
 - A. He could destroy us for our sins but instead He woos us in the gospel to come and kiss Him. He pleads with arguments and importunity that we look unto Him and be saved.
 - B. Do you see your need of Him? Have you kissed the Son?

Motivation, v.12

- I. If we do not kiss the Son His anger will be stirred and we will perish in the way.
 - A. These are God's terms of salvation: we must give His Son the kiss of allegiance, worship, and love, or perish.
 - B. Why will our refusal of Christ's offer of salvation make the Father and His Son angry?
 - 1. Consider what the Son has done for your salvation.
 - a) Is it not the height of ingratitude to slight such an offer from such a One upon such easy terms?
 - 2. Consider what the Father has done for your salvation.
 - a) And is it not the height of contempt to refuse the Father's gift of His Son so one so undeserving and hell-deserving as you?
- II. If we kiss the Son and seek our refuge in Him, we shall be blessed.
 - A. Consider the innumerable blessings of grace!
 - B. Who would not gladly turn out of the way of sin and embrace the Son of God with a kiss!
 - C. And yet, many will not—which only proves their madness, blindness, and just condemnation by Christ.
- III. Are you taking refuge in Christ today? God commands you to and Christ invites you to. Nothing is easier than a kiss; but will you come?
 - A. Seek Him while He may be found; for His wrath is quickly kindled and all who refuse Him will perish in His anger.